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1. The Stavropol Oil Fields (53°31'N/49°20'E) was about 80 km upstream from Kuibyshev (53-12N, 50-09E) on the southern bank of the Volga River. Opposite the town of Stavropol the oil field extended about 7 km in a southern and southwestern direction. The oil field had a road connection but no railroad connection.
2. Ten to 15 wooden derricks, about 20 meters tall, were in operation at the field at the end of the war; but by January 1948 there were 42 derricks. The drilling depth reached 1,500 meters but gushers were sometimes tapped after drilling a few meters. Between the derricks and the river were oil tanks, each 25 to 30 meters in diameter. These oil tanks extended along the Volga River in a line 500 meters long and 8 to 10 meters from the river bank. Pipe lines, about 20 cm in diameter, connected the drilling sites with these tanks. There was a small boiler house with Diesel units for the operation of the pumping installations and refilling stations at the tanker landing places. The tanks had no pipe line connection to the landing places. Another installation was under construction which our source believed to be a refinery.
3. Systematic production at the oilfield did not start before 1945. The total production was loaded on tankers and shipped to the refineries in Gyzran (53°11'N/49°27'E) and Kuibyshev for further processing.

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